



The Hawksworth Herald

'Learning through Love, Fun and Faith'

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Our 6 core Christian values: Love, Trust, Courage, Friendship, Respect and Forgiveness.

Headteacher's Comment

Ofsted

On Monday afternoon we received the phone call from Ofsted. Mr J. McGrath, an experienced Ofsted Inspector, arrived at 8am on Tuesday and left at 6pm. During the day he visited all classes observing lessons, carried out work scrutiny, interviewed children, governors, parents, pupils, teachers, teaching assistants, Office and Kestrels staff. He also analysed our past and present school data and checked our safeguarding procedures. The inspection went as expected. The children were fantastic, as always and the school staff and Governors were also fantastic, as always. I would also like to thank parents for your support and your overwhelmingly positive feedback on Ofsted's Parent View. To have such a large majority of you so positive about the quality of care and teaching that the children receive at Hawksworth was lovely to read and a real testimony to the calibre of the staff throughout school. The Ofsted report should be completed for our return after the Christmas holidays and we will of course share it with you as soon as we receive it.

Christmas Fair



The 2018 Christmas Fair was a huge success! It was so pleasing to see so many parents, grandparents, children and friends of the school attend this great event. Many parents who came up to me for a chat commented on the great friendly atmosphere and how they had enjoyed it. The event raised a lot of money for school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make this Fair - one of our most successful! I would like to thank the 'Friends of Hawksworth' for their hard work – to illustrate this was when I came to lock up school at 8pm on the Friday night I was surprised (but very appreciative) that some parents were only then leaving school after setting up the stalls for the morning! I would also like to thank Father Christmas who travelled such a long way to attend and deliver his presents.

Nativity 2018

The children in Class 1 and 2 are very tired after completing three excellent and energetic Nativity performances! I was very impressed how the children acted, danced, confidently spoke their lines and were pitch perfect when singing. The whole performance was excellent and the positive comments and praise from parents, grandparents and Governors confirmed this. I must also thank the EYFS and Key Stage 1 staff for doing a superb job of producing the Nativity.





Attention Parents! Please save the date of **Saturday the 4th of May 2019.**

This will be the date of our schools annual biggest fund raiser (the one all the other local primary schools are jealous of 😊)... Up the Odda trail race! For anyone new to the school, this successful race has been going for several years now and attracts more than 300 entries from local runners.

In order for the day to run smoothly, we require a huge number of helpers to marshal (basically stand in a field pointing the direction), car park assistants, kitchen helpers, cake stall people and a whole host of other jobs. If we don't all pull together, we can't do the race. Simple. Please email your name to candsconnor@icloud.com or text Sharon on 07568582039 and we will begin to compile a list of volunteers. I know everyone that has been involved in the past usually gets signed up to help again, as it is really good fun to be involved with! Huge thanks in advance for your help. May the 4th be with you - Emma Stoney and Sharon O'Connor'



Over £20,000 raised for Hawksworth CE Primary School in the last few years!!!!!!

Star Pupils

Congratulations to our Star Pupils this week!

Class 1

All of Class One - for being AMAZING in our Wriggly Nativity! You're all superstars!

Class 2

Benjamin F - for fantastic singing and dancing during the Nativity performances.

Amelia K - for great sentence writing including interesting verbs.

Class 3

Finn L-B - for completing his homework to a high standard.

Scarlett L-K - for excellent singing during our performance practice.

Class 4

Mitchell T – for his enthusiasm during rehearsals for our carol service.

Samir M – super work on adding fractions.

Class News

What has your child been doing this week?

Class 1

Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Malir and Mrs Williamson are all feeling very proud of Class One and think they were all amazing in our Nativity! No more wriggling to be done now, but a lot of fun Christmas crafts to complete and lots of fun to be had in our last week before Christmas. 🎅🧝🎄❄️

Class 2

We have had a great week this week. We worked extremely hard on Tuesday when we had our special visitor and Mrs Oliver was very proud of us all! In Numeracy, we have been learning methods for working out addition and subtraction and we have been using these methods to solve problems. In Literacy, we have been learning about verbs and writing sentences which include interesting verbs. We performed perfectly during both Nativity shows this week and again, Mrs Oliver thought we were fantastic! We are now looking forward to next week when we can have a full week of Christmas activities! YIPEEE!

Class 3

This week Class 3 have been completing their half termly assessments. They have also written covering letters pretending they are applying for a top secret mission to Mars, and have practised the chunky chimp and chunking methods of division in Maths. We were also lucky to welcome back Jodi Corcoran from Skipping School Ltd who came in to help us with our 'skip dance' routine.

Class 4

This week, we have been working on adding fractions with different denominators. In our Literacy lessons we have been working on poetry, both understanding it and preparing it in an entertaining way. We have completed our topic on the Vikings by Witan, explaining why one of the three claimants to the throne should succeed Edward the Confessor.

School Attendance

How many children attended lessons this week?

Our school Attendance target is 97%.

Well done **Class 3** for achieving the best attendance for this week!

Class 1 – 97.35%

Class 2 – 97.50%

Class 3 – 100%

Class 4 – 95.86%

House Points

How many children were working hard this week?

Congratulations to the winning House for receiving the largest total of house points this week!

Eagles 165 **Falcons 99** **Vultures 141** **Condors 110**

Kestrels: Before and After School Club

Q. How do elves get to the top floor of Santa's workshop?

A. They use the elfator.



We have had a very festive week in Kestrels with lots of Christmas activities and crafts. The children have enjoyed making Santa complete with a fluffy beard. We have been busy making some wonderful angel cards made with doilies. We have made plenty of colourful Christmas ornaments to hang on the tree and some of the younger children enjoyed drawing and colouring in Rudolf and elf's face. For snack the children have eaten Frosty the snowman sandwiches and Santa pancakes.

Elvis the elf has been up to his mischievous ways again. We have found him with breakfast cereal all over him and face down on the floor. One morning he was hanging from the gym equipment with a pair of pants over his head!

Indecisive!

KS1 and KS2 Christmas party dates have changed again.....back to the original dates!

They are now: KS1 Wednesday 19th December 2018 and Thursday 20th KS2 Christmas party. Children need to come into school in their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to get changed into in the afternoon.

Class 3

We finished a hectic week with a marathon skipping session!



September starters 2019

Children starting school in September 2019. If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you can now apply for a Reception place to start school in September 2019. Parents/ carers have until the 15th January 2019 to complete their applications and should apply using the online system and will be informed of their school offer via email on national offer day, Tuesday 16th April 2019. Please visit our admissions page on our school website for more information from Leeds City Council (25 frequently asked questions and guidance on how to apply (see flyer at the end of this newsletter).

CHRISTMAS SERVICE — ST PAUL'S CHURCH – ESHOLT – 19.12.18 - 6PM – 7PM

ALL WELCOME

Thank you for your continued support and have a relaxing weekend.

Mr Dale Norris B.A. (Hons) QTS
Headteacher

